

**CITY OF DUVALL
COUNCIL MEETING
December 10, 2009
7:00 P.M. - Duvall Fire Station**

Council Workshop – CANCELLED

The City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ibershof at 7:04 P.M.

Council Present: Gérard Cattin, Vicki Edwards, Anne Laughlin, Elizabeth Walker, Dianne Brudnicki

Staff Present: Glenn Merryman, Harry Oestreich, Jodi Lee Wycoff, Lara Thomas, Boyd Benson, Bruce Disend, Steve Leniszewski, John Lambert

I. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda:

Under Consent Agenda add: Payroll Checks #9403-9428, in the amount of \$217,724.72 plus a \$40.00 correction of 11/24/09 approval because of a transposition error; and Claims Checks #9429-9524 and #9414-9417 in the amount of \$515,507.69; Excuse the absence of Councilmembers Glen Kuntz and Gary Gill; Under New Business add: Discussion of Waste Management contract options between item 3 and item 4; and Under Council add: Councilmember Walker and Councilmember Cattin.

II. Adoption of Council Agenda:

It was moved and seconded (Cattin-Laughlin) to adopt the 12/10/09 Council Agenda. The motion carried. (5 ayes).

III. Comments from the Audience:

There were no comments from the audience.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda:

It was moved and seconded (Walker-Cattin) to approve the consent agenda which included Payroll Checks #9403-9428, in the amount of \$217,724.72 plus a \$40.00 correction of 11/24/09 approval because of a transposition error; and Claims Checks #9429-9524 and #9414-9417 in the amount of \$515,507.69; Approving the Council Meeting Minutes of 11/24/09; and approval of the following contracts, resolutions, and ordinances: (AB09-84) Confirmation of Mayor Ibershof's reappointment of Jeff Wolf to the Duvall Planning Commission Position No. 2, a term ending 12/31/2013; (AB09-85) Confirmation of Mayor Ibershof's reappointment of Skye King to the Duvall Planning Commission Position No. 5, a term ending 12/31/2013; (AB09-86) Confirmation of

Mayor Ibershof's reappointment of Jason Walker to the Duvall Planning Commission Position No. 7, a term ending 12/31/2013; (AB09-93) Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the State of Washington Intergovernmental Agreement (ILA) for State Purchasing Cooperative. The motion carried. (5 ayes).

IV. Presentation: Mayor Ibershof – Volunteers of the Year

Mayor Ibershof presented Cody Christ with the first ever City of Duvall Youth Volunteer of the Year award. Cody built the ADA ramp on the Dougherty Farmstead house. He also gave up many summer evenings to help with sound at SummerStage.

Mayor Ibershof then presented Paige Denison with the honor of Volunteer of the Year for 2009. Paige is the Chair of the Duvall Library Board, is on the Nutrition Board at Riverview School District and is co-coordinator of the Annual Duvall Days Fun Runs.

Mayor Ibershof presented each with a certificate and small gift of appreciation.

Presentation: Mayor Ibershof – A Year in Review 2009

Mayor Ibershof reflected on 2009 saying that it was a challenging year. His theme for the year is “We All Stepped Up!” At the end of 2008 as we were saying goodbye to some wonderful employees, he was concerned about how we were going to keep up with the same level of service with so fewer people. He said that we proved him wrong. Duvall is a city to be proud of. Mayor Ibershof went on to review a few of the many successes that our city had in 2009.

Public Works installed sidewalks along NE 145th and recently received a grant for \$600,000 to install sidewalks along 275th Avenue and the wonderful Main Street Reconstruction Project. The Police Department can still brag that Duvall has the #1 lowest crime rate in King County and the #3 spot in the State. They suffered a loss this year with the passing of Cyrus, their K-9. Chief Merryman, being the determined person that he is, raised funds for training and we will be meeting Blitz, our new K-9, very soon. The Planning Department has been busy in 2009 with four Public Works projects, five development projects and the Comprehensive Plan amendments. The Finance Department has been busy reviewing and renewing policies on top of working with a tight budget and creating an even tighter budget for 2010.

Mayor Ibershof then went around the room to each staff member and Councilmember to thank them personally for their contributions to the City. He gave each a small gift of his appreciation.

He presented Councilmember Anne Laughlin with a special plaque of appreciation as this is Anne's last meeting as a Duvall Councilmember. He thanked her for her hard work and dedication to this community.

Mayor Ibershof then issued a challenge to staff and Council for 2010 and beyond. He said that since the economy doesn't look like it's going to get better right away, we need to think about what we can do to diversify our revenue or reduce our level of service. He would like to have an Economic Summit in January to discuss how we bring new businesses to town and grow the businesses we have now. He would also like to look at

our commercial standards. Mayor Ibershof's challenge for everyone is to continue to be open-minded when dealing with future issues and be creative collectively when finding solutions to those issues.

VI. Scheduled Items:

1. Mayor:

Mayor Ibershof said that he recently attended a Statewide Mayors Exchange in Olympia. He passed out a copy of a letter that Governor Gregoire posted which discusses the budget shortfall that the State is experiencing. He also passed out a breakout of I-1033 results. The Initiative only failed in Duvall with 52.8% "No" votes compared to 68% in King County. He said we need to be better about educating our citizens about who we are and what we do. Mayor Ibershof said that he attended his first Outside Seattle Board Meeting as a new Board Member representing the upper Snoqualmie Valley. He feels that Duvall's exposure will increase dramatically in the coming months in respect to some of the things going on with this group.

2. Council:

Councilmember Elizabeth Walker said that she attended a workshop in Toronto for an online course she is taking called Community Sustainability Planning. She is excited about the process and framework that they offer for communities to go through. She would like to incorporate discussion regarding sustainability into the Mayor's Economic Summit that he spoke about earlier. She is working on a group exercise in which they will take two community systems, economic development and food systems, through the whole process. She would like to do some of the exercises she is working on at the Council retreat at the beginning of the year.

Councilmember Gérard Cattin reported on the Snoqualmie Valley Governments Association (SVGA) meeting he attended recently. They talked about how the Valley cities are going to address the Animal Control issue once King County stops providing the service. They also discussed the State's budget shortfall. They are not asking for money but they are asking for relief from unfunded mandates. State Representative Anderson and Senator Oemig were at the meeting and they indicated that not too many of the mandates will be relaxed nor will they sunset. Gérard also said that at the SVGA meeting they talked about the situation that the Senior Centers are facing in this economy. Private funding is dropping drastically and cities are now finding themselves in a situation where they have to pay for the centers.

VII. Public Hearing: **Resolution in support of King County Library System Proposition #1, a Levy Lid Lift.**

7:25 PM: The Public Hearing was opened.

Paige Denison, Library Board Chair, said that she is looking forward to a great new library in Historical Downtown Duvall. They are hoping for a summer 2010 ground

breaking. Paige said that this Levy is needed to maintain the Library System's current level of service. She knows that there is a desire from this community for a library because their visitor level did not go down during the Main Street construction even when their main entrance was blocked. There is definitely a need for a larger, newer building in Duvall. That was evident when the furnace in the current building went out and they had to close the Library for a few days. Library customers were calling her personally to say that the Library could not stay closed for that long. Paige reported that 96% of King County Library System's funding comes from local taxpayers. If the Levy failed, it would not affect building a new Library in Duvall, but it could severely impact the number of computers in the new building, staffing, hours of operation and how long people would have to wait for ordered items. She asked Council to support this Levy Lid Lift.

7:28 PM: The Public Hearing was closed.

VIII. New Business:

1. (AB09-87) Approve Resolution #09-12 in support of King County Library System Proposition #1 Levy Lid Lift Ballot for the February 9, 2010 election. *It was moved and seconded (Walker-Cattin) to Approve Resolution in support of King County Library System Proposition #1 Levy Lid Lift Ballot for the February 9, 2010 election. The Motion Carried. (5 ayes).*

2. (AB09-88) Ordinance #1095 amending Section 2.15.020 the Duvall Municipal Code, to change the meeting dates of the regular Duvall Planning Commission meetings to the first and third Wednesdays of each month. *It was moved and seconded (Cattin-Brudnicki) to Adopt Ordinance #1095 amending Section 2.15.020 the Duvall Municipal Code, to change the meeting dates of the regular Duvall Planning Commission meetings to the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The Motion Carried. (5 ayes).*

3. (AB09-89) Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign grant agreement with the Washington State Public Trust Board for the Phase II 275th Avenue Sidewalk Improvements. *It was moved and seconded (Cattin-Laughlin) to Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign grant agreement with the Washington State Public Trust Board for the Phase II 275th Avenue Sidewalk Improvements. The Motion Carried. (5 ayes).*

Discussion Item regarding Waste Management Sno-King Contract

Harry Oestreich, Finance Director, introduced Susan Robinson from Waste Management who was present to answer any questions. Council and staff discussed and agreed upon three key points to the contract. The first was at what rate to lock in rate increases. The options were a two-year increase of 12% each year or a three-year increase of 9% each year. Council chose the two-year, 12% option. The Seattle Index will be used for subsequent yearly increases within the ten-year contract. The second decision was regarding the method of rate increase for the administration fee. The options were to leave it a flat rate for the full ten-year contract life, increase the rate based on a per gallon charge which reflects population growth. Council chose to go with the per gallon option

and use the Seattle Index for the yearly incremental increases. The last item of discussion was to decide what the 2010 administration fee will be to set the base. Council decided to charge \$103,500 to Waste Management for the administration fee.

4. (AB09-90) Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Waste Management Sno-King for Garbage and Recycle service. *It was moved and seconded (Walker-Brudnicki) to Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Waste Management Sno-King for Garbage and Recycle service. The Motion Carried. (4 ayes, 1 nay - Edwards).*

5. (AB09-91) Resolution #09-13 approving a Human Services Grant Funding Policy. *It was moved and seconded (Laughlin-Brudnicki) to Adopt Resolution #09-13 approving a Human Services Grant Funding Policy. The Motion Carried. (5 ayes).*

6. (AB09-92) Resolution #09-14 approving a Community Events Grant Funding Policy. *It was moved and seconded (Walker-Brudnicki) to Adopt Resolution #09-14 approving a Community Events Grant Funding Policy. The Motion Carried. (5 ayes).*

7. Vote to cancel last Duvall City Council Meeting of the year. *It was moved and seconded (Laughlin-Edwards) to cancel last meeting of the year. The motion carried. The Motion Carried. (5 ayes).*

IX. Scheduled Items:

1. Staff Reports:

a. Fire: John Lambert, Fire Chief, had no report but wished everyone Happy Holidays and told them to cross their fingers for no major storms.

b. Public Works: Steve Leniszewski, Public Works Director, said that they are working to close out TSI's contract for the Main Street Reconstruction Project. They just received a bill from Puget Sound Energy for \$194,000 which is less than they expected. The City paid Verizon up front for all of the work they did and we are now expecting a refund check of approximately \$30,000 from them. Steve reported that TIB (Transportation Improvement Board) is reorganizing and merging with WSDOT (Washington State Department of Transportation). They are suspending some projects but any payments on current projects are still being paid out. Lastly, Steve said that the crew is getting ready for any possible snow and has already tested the de-icer during this cold snap.

c. Planning Department: Lara Thomas, Planning Manager, gave an update on projects the Planning Department is currently working on including Cherry Valley Elementary submitting for a remodel and expansion, and the pre-application meeting with King County Library System. The Planning Department is in the final phase of the 2009 Comprehensive Plan amendment and Lara hopes to have the Public Hearing in January for that. They are interviewing candidates for the Shoreline Management Plan Update tomorrow and hope to have a decision next week. They will bring the contract to Council in January. Lara also reported that staff will come to Council in January to have a

general discussion on developers phasing projects. Because of the economy and the rezone that the City did a few years ago, she feels that it is very likely that many developers may want to phase their projects.

d. Police: Glenn Merryman, Police Chief, said that based on a discussion at the recent SVGA meeting, Police Chiefs from nearby jurisdictions want to meet to discuss issues surrounding Animal Control. Chief Merryman said that he had a great time at the Tree Lighting last week and thanked Public Works and City Hall staff for their work on the event. He reported that Blitz, our new K-9, is almost ready to come home. They have one more certification to complete which they hope to do tomorrow. Chief Merryman said that the last few weeks have been pretty rough for the department in the wake of the recent tragedy in Lakewood. About half of his force attended the funeral on behalf of Duvall and Carnation. He said that every day since the shooting they have received notes, gifts, cards and letters from citizens saying Thank You. The outreach from this community has been overwhelming. Lastly, Chief Merryman wished everyone Happy Holidays and great New Year.

e. Finance: Harry Oestreich, Finance Director, thanked Council for their support these last ten months. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and said that he looks forward to working with everyone in 2010.

X. **Executive Session:** *None*

XI. **Adjournment:**
It was moved and seconded (Laughlin-Edwards) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Signed _____
Mayor Will Ibershof

Attest _____
Jodi Lee Wycoff, Deputy City Clerk